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## Supervisor Angela Connolly recognized nationally for leadership

Polk County Supervisor Angela Connolly has received a national award for leadership as an elected official for her efforts leading three significant regional planning initiatives in Greater Des Moines.

The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) named Supervisor Connolly as this year's recipient of the national Tom Bradley Leadership Award, recognizing her leadership roles in The Tomorrow Plan, Capital Crossroads and DART Forward 2035.

"We are honored to recognize and celebrate such outstanding leaders and works of achievement this year," said NARC Immediate Past President Byron Ryder, Judge of Leon County, Texas.



In October, Connolly was named the recipient of the national Award for Outstanding Elected Official Leadership by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO).

"This honor was made possible through regional leadership and cooperation and by the hundreds of people who committed their creativity, passion and hard work to develop these plans – and then put them into action, improving the lives of tens of thousands of residents," Supervisor Connolly said.

Many improvements to Greater Des Moines have roots in the plans for which Angela played a leadership role, including:

- **Co-chair of The Tomorrow Plan**, a long-range, government-led plan for the sustainable development of the metro ([dmampo.org/the-tomorrow-plan](http://dmampo.org/the-tomorrow-plan)).
- **Tri-chair of Capital Crossroads**, a five-year, community-led strategic plan for improving central Iowa. ([www.capitalcrossroadsvision.com](http://www.capitalcrossroadsvision.com)).
- **Commissioner of DART Forward 2035 Transit Services Plan**, a long-range plan for improving transit service in Greater Des Moines ([www.ridedart.com](http://www.ridedart.com)).



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**Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization** acts as a regional forum to ensure coordination between the public and local, state, and federal agencies in regard to planning issues and to prepare transportation plans and programs. MPO develops long- and short-range multimodal transportation plans, selects projects for federal funding based upon regional priorities, and develops methods to reduce traffic congestion.

**The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)** serves as a national voice for regionalism by advocating for regional cooperation as the most effective way to address a variety of community planning and development opportunities and issues. NARC's member organizations are composed of multiple local governments that work together to serve American communities - large and small, urban and rural. For additional information, please visit [www.NARC.org](http://www.NARC.org).

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